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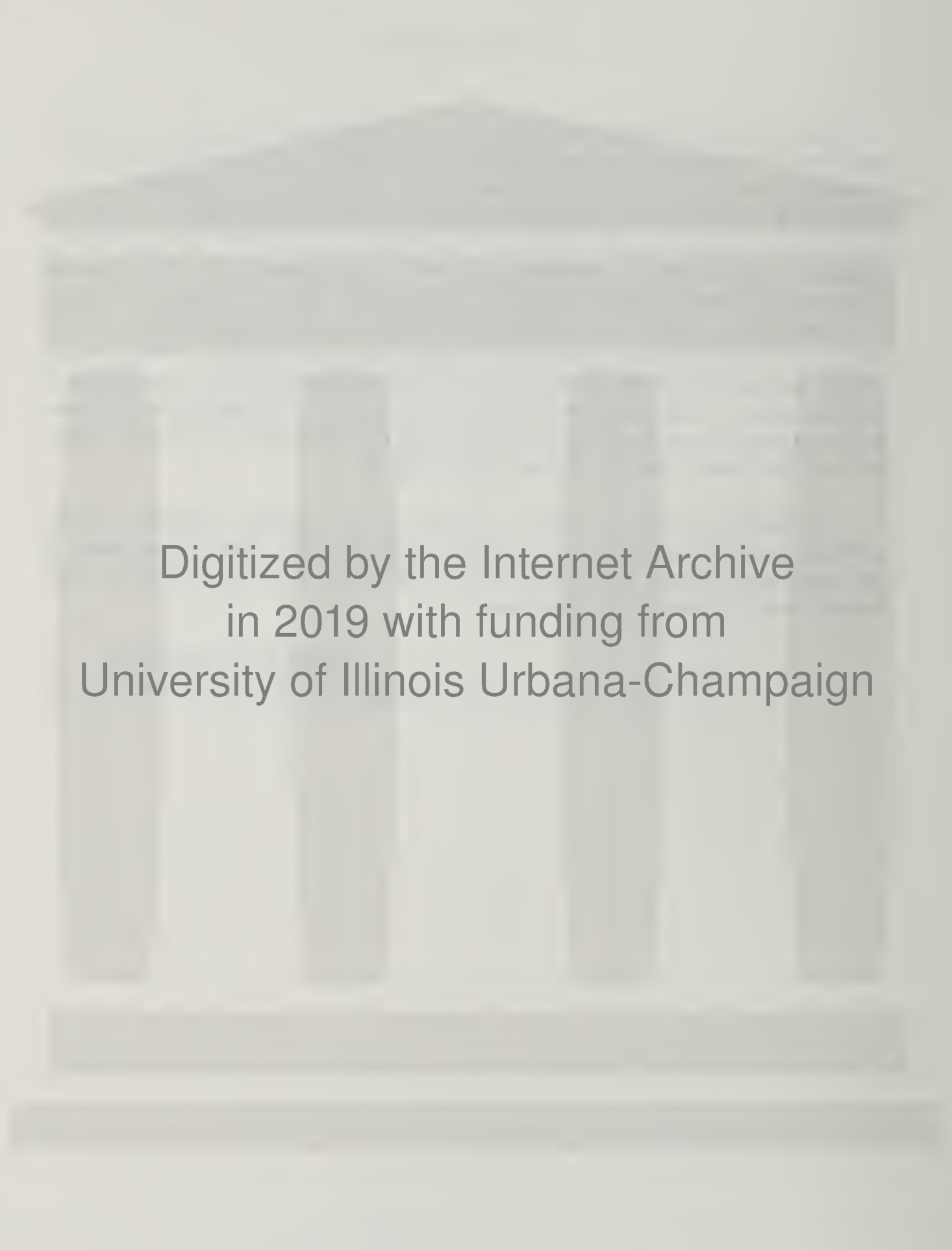
Foreword

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The General Services Administration, through the National Archives and Records Service, is responsible for administering the permanent noncurrent records of the Federal Government. These archival holdings, now amounting to more than 900,000 cubic feet, date from the days of the First Continental Congress and consist of the basic records of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of our Government. The Presidential libraries of Herbert Hoover, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, and Lyndon B. Johnson contain the papers of those Presidents and many of their associates in office. While many of the archival holdings document events of great moment in our Nation's history, most of them are preserved because of their continuing practical use in the ordinary processes of government, for the protection of private rights, and for the research use of scholars and students.

To facilitate the use of the records and to describe their nature and content, archivists prepare various kinds of finding aids. The present work is one such publication. We believe that it will prove valuable to anyone who wishes to use the records it describes.

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Preface

Special lists are published by the National Archives as part of its records description program. The special list describes in detail the contents of certain important records series, that is, units of records of the same form or that deal with the same subject or activity or that are arranged serially. Its form and style are not fixed but vary according to the nature of the records to which it relates. Its distinguishing characteristic is that it goes beyond the general description contained in a record group registration statement, a preliminary inventory, or an inventory, and describes records in terms of individual record items.

In addition to lists and other finding aids that relate to particular record groups, the National Archives publishes some that give an overall picture of materials in its custody. A comprehensive *Guide to the Records in the National Archives* (1948) and a brief guide, *Your Government's Records in the National Archives* (revised 1950), have been issued. A guide devoted to one geographical area—*Guide to Materials on Latin America in the National Archives* (1961)—has been published. Forty-six *Reference Information Papers*, which analyze records in the National Archives on such subjects as transportation, small business, and the Middle East, have so far been issued. Records of the Civil War are described in *Guide to Federal Archives Relating to the Civil War* (1962), *Guide to the Archives of the Government of the Confederate States of America* (1968), and *Civil War Maps in the National Archives* (1964); those of World War I in *Handbook of Federal World War Agencies and Their Records, 1917-1921* (1943); and those of World War II in the two-volume guide, *Federal Records of World War II* (1950-51). Genealogical records are described in *Guide to Genealogical Records in the National Archives* (1964). Among the holdings of the National Archives are large quantities of audiovisual materials received from all sources: Government, private, and commercial. The *Guide to the Ford Film Collection in the National Archives* (1970) describes one of the largest private gift collections. Many bodies of records of high research value have been microfilmed by the National Archives as a form of publication. Positive prints of these microfilm publications, many of which are described in the current *List of National Archives Microfilm Publications*, are available for purchase.

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Introduction

The cartographic records described in this list relate to the Territory of Iowa, 1838-46. They have been selected from records in the Cartographic Archives Division of the National Archives. Most of the maps and plats are of small areas in Iowa Territory, but some are of the United States or of large areas that include all or part of the Territory. Several include Wisconsin Territory and are the same as those described in Special List 23, *Cartographic Records Relating to the Territory of Wisconsin, 1836-1848*. With the exception of a few commercially published maps acquired and annotated by officials of Federal agencies, all records described were prepared by or for agencies of the Federal Government. A few maps relating to Iowa Territory are among the textual records in the National Archives.

As are all records in the National Archives, cartographic records are assigned to record groups, which usually consist of the records of a single Federal agency, typically at the bureau level, and its predecessors. The holdings of the Cartographic Archives Division are allocated to 135 record groups. The seven record groups that include items pertaining to the Territory of Iowa are listed in the table of contents. Most of the cartographic records described in this list are part of Records of the Bureau of Land Management, Record Group 49 (the former General Land Office), and relate to the survey and disposal of public lands in Iowa Territory.

The descriptions in this list are arranged according to the branch of Government and the agency whose records are involved, thereunder by record group title and number, and thereunder by series. For each record group and series there is an explanatory statement followed by numbered entries. With only a few exceptions, entries 1-49 relate to maps. Those entries that describe more than one map are further divided into subentries. Entries 50 and 51 relate to township plats, and entry 52 relates to field notes of township surveys. General descriptions are given for these entries. Graphic indexes indicate the townships for which plats and field notes are available for the Iowa Territorial period.

In each map entry or subentry, the following information is usually given: the title of the map; the name of the surveyor, compiler, draftsman, or originating Federal agency; dates; scale; edge of sheet dimensions to the nearest inch; a brief description of what the map shows; and file designation. Cross-references to related entries and subentries are included where appropriate, and citations are given to congressional documents that contain related reports and published copies of some of the maps.

The map titles, unless enclosed in brackets, are as shown on the maps described. However, these titles do not always appear on the maps in title blocks, and the wording may not be in consecutive order. Spelling, abbreviations, and capitalization are as they appear on the maps. Punctuation, however, in the interest of clarity, has occasionally been changed or supplied. Information in brackets has been furnished by the compilers.

Some of the maps are not dated, but comparison with dated maps or information in published reports indicates that they were compiled during the Iowa Territorial period or contain information about the period. In the descriptions in this list, "n.d." indicates an undated map.

Cartographic records described in this publication may be examined in the research room of the Cartographic Archives Division in the National Archives Building in accordance with

regulations issued by the Administrator of General Services. The National Archives and Records Service is equipped to provide reproductions of the maps, plats, and related records in its custody. Information concerning the cost of reproductions will be provided upon request.

The cartographic records and descriptions in this list have been microfilmed on rolls 31-40 of National Archives Microfilm Publication M325.

Valuable assistance in the preparation of this list was furnished by W. Neil Franklin of the Territorial Papers Branch of the National Archives. The graphic indexes to the Iowa plats and field notes were compiled in the Cartographic Archives Division; final drafting was done by David F. Long of the Educational Programs Staff.

Congress

RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE (Record Group 46)

Among the records of the U.S. Senate are (1) manuscript and annotated maps prepared by executive agencies in compliance with resolutions of the Senate or submitted with reports from the agencies, and (2) an incomplete set of maps published by order of the Senate for general use or to accompany Senate documents. Maps in these two series relating to or including information about the Territory of Iowa are described below.

Manuscript and Annotated Maps

The following maps are filed by a number-letter combination devised by the National Archives for filing the records of the Senate. The first number in the file symbol indicates the number of the Congress.

1. Map Exhibiting the Position of the Lands occupied by Indian Tribes in Amity with the United States; and also The Lands Ceded to the United States by Treaty with various Indian Tribes. Compiled in the Bureau of Topographical Engineers from the Maps of Capt. W. Hood, T. E., and I. McCoy, Esq.: with additions, in compliance with a Resolution of the Senate. 1839. J. Goldsborough Bruff, Delinr.
239 [original number] , 28 Cong., 2 sess., Serial 467.
1 inch to ca. 32 miles. 48 x 78 (4 sections). Annotated published. The above title and annotations have been added to a published map entitled "United States of America: by H. S. Tanner, 1839." Lands ceded by and occupied by Indian tribes are outlined in color on the published map and identified by numbers keyed to a legend that lists the tribes and the treaties pertaining to specific areas. Iowa Territory is shown on the northwest section of the map. (Filed as 26A-E6.)
 - (a). Chart [map] Showing the extent and bearings of the geological formations, the boundary of the productive Lead Region; the localities of iron, copper, and zinc ores, and the situation of the principal Lead Mines, In the Dubuque, Mineral Point, and Galena Districts of Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois. [n.d.]
1 inch to 12 miles. 18 x 16. Manuscript on paper. Noted as "No. I." A geological section in colors corresponding to those on the map shows the different types of strata in the region. Localities of lead mines and ores are indicated by colored dots. The boundary of the lead region, largely in southwestern Wisconsin, and extending into Illinois and Iowa, is shown in red. *See also* entry 43. (Filed as 26A-F4.)
 - (b). Chart [map] Showing the extent and bearings of the geological formations, illustrated by a corresponding vertical section, of the Dubuque, Mineral Point, and Galena Districts of Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois. [n.d.]
1 inch to 12 miles. 18 x 17. Manuscript on paper. Noted as "No. II." The boundary of the lead region is shown in red. Includes a geological section in colors corresponding to those on the map to show the different
2. Three Charts (maps) relating to the *Report of a Geological Exploration of part of Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois, made . . . in the Autumn of the year 1839 . . . By David Dale Owen, M. D., Principal Agent to explore the Mineral Lands of the United States*. The report was published without charts and illustrations as H. Ex. Doc. 239, 26 Cong., 1 sess., Serial 368; republished with charts and illustrations, as S. Doc. 407, 28 Cong., 1 sess., Serial 437, and as H. Ex. Doc.

types of strata in the region and a vertical or cross "Section from Rockingham, through the Blue Mounds, to the Wisconsin River." Horizontal scale: 1 inch to 12 miles; vertical: 1 inch to 400 feet. Also includes a "Section [view] on the Mississippi river, from the foot of Smith's Island to Parkhurst at the mouth of Quarry creek; showing the junction of the coal measures with the Cliff Limestone." (Filed as 26A-F4.)

- (c). Chart [map] of the Great Illinois Coal Field. [n.d.]

Small scale. 9 x 11. Manuscript on paper. Noted as "No. III." The coalfield is colored brown and State boundaries are different colors. Boundaries of the coalfield extend into Iowa, Indiana, and Kentucky, and include a small area in Missouri near St. Louis. (Filed as 26A-F4.)

Published Maps

Maps from this series relating to the Territory of Iowa are described in entries 3-7. They are filed by the number and session of the Congress authorizing their publication and thereunder by document number, if available. If no documentary citation is given on a map it is filed by the number of the Congress corresponding to the latest date shown on the map. Reports published with copies of the maps are found in the congressional documents cited.

3. Sketch [map] of The Public Surveys in [the southeastern part of] Iowa Territory [1839].
1 inch to 18 miles. 12 x 9. Published. Townships subdivided are marked "S." Townships that had been recently surveyed are shaded green and those recommended for survey are outlined in red. A large part of the area recommended for survey is shown within the boundaries of the "Cession of Octr. 21st 1837." (Filed as 26 Cong., 1 sess., *S. Doc.* 21.)
4. Sketch [map] of The Public Surveys in [the southeastern part of] Iowa Territory [1840].
1 inch to 18 miles. 12 x 9. Published. Townships subdivided are marked "S" and those ordered for survey are outlined in red. Symbols indicate townships for which the field notes were recorded or transcribed for the General Land Office. A large part of the area ordered for survey is within the "Cession of Octr. 21st 1837." (Filed as 26 Cong., 2 sess., *S. Doc.* 38.)
5. Map of the Hydrographical Basin of the Upper Mississippi River From Astronomical and Barometrical Observations, Surveys, and Information. By J. N. Nicollet. Made in the years 1836, 37, 38, 39, & 40. Assisted in 1838, 39, & 40, by Lieut. J. C. Frémont of the Corps of Topographical Engineers Under the Superintendence of the Bureau of the Corps of Topographical Engineers and authorised by the War Department. Published in 1842 by order of the U. S. Senate.
1 inch to ca. 10 miles. 78 x 64 (6 sheets). Published. Shows names of lakes, rivers, and smaller streams, astronomical stations, trading houses, principal towns, routes and portages, forts, and Indian country and villages. For a reduced published copy of this map, *see* entry 8. *See also* manuscript maps, entries 22 and 23. (Filed as 27 Cong., General.)
6. Sketch of The Public Surveys in [the southeastern part of] Iowa Territory [1841].
1 inch to 18 miles. 12 x 9. Published. Townships subdivided are marked "S." Symbols indicate townships for which the field notes were recorded or transcribed for the General Land Office. (Filed as 27 Cong., 2 sess., *S. Doc.* 22.)
7. [Map of the United States showing boundaries of areas acquired by treaties; with names of States and a few Territories, 1844.]
Small scale. 15 x 24. Published. Map is identified as "K. Skeleton map showing treaty limits" in "Schedule of Accompanying Documents" published with report of December 10, 1844, of the Commissioner of the General Land Office to the Secretary of the Treasury in the document cited. An estimate is given in the report of the number of acres of the public domain sold within the

limits of the treaty of 1783 with Great Britain, treaty of 1803 with France, and treaty of 1819 with Spain. Iowa is shown in

the area acquired by the treaty of 1803 with France. (Filed as 28 Cong., 2 sess., *S. Doc.* 7.)

RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Record Group 233)

The only map in this record group relating to Iowa Territory is from the incomplete record set of maps published by order of the House. Because no documentary citation is given, the map is filed by the number of the Congress corresponding to the two latest dates on the map.

8. [Map of the] Hydrographical Basin of the Upper Mississippi River From Astronomical and Barometrical Observations, Surveys, and Information. By J. N. Nicollet, in the years 1836, 37, 38, 39, and 40; assisted in 1838, 39, & 40, by Lieut. J. C. Frémont of the Corps of Topographical Engineers under the superintendence of the Bureau of the Corps of Topographical Engineers and authorized by the War Department. Reduced and compiled under the direction of Col. J. J. Abert in the Bureau of the Corps of Topl. Engrs. by Lieut. W. H.

Emory, from the Map published in 1842 and from other authorities in 1843. Published by order of the U. S. House of Representatives.

1 inch to ca. 19½ miles. 39 x 33. Published. Shows names of lakes, rivers, and smaller streams, points determined by astronomical observations, principal towns, routes and portages, forts, trading houses, and Indian country and villages. Relief is indicated by hachures. *See also* entries 5, 22, and 23. (Filed as 27 Cong., General.)

Department of War

RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS (Record Group 77)

The cartographic records of the Office of the Chief of Engineers relating to Iowa Territory are from three different series: (1) the Headquarters Map File, (2) the Fortifications Map File, and (3) the General Staff Map Collection.

Before the establishment of Iowa Territory much of the work relating to internal improvements in the United States was done by members of the Corps of Engineers and by topographical engineers, assisted by civil engineers and officers of the artillery and infantry, under the superintendence of the head of the Topographical Bureau. At the beginning of the Iowa Territorial period, provision for the organization of the Corps of Topographical Engineers was included in an act approved July 5, 1838, to increase the military establishment. The Secretary of War then issued a regulation assigning all new works of improvement not of a military character or concerned with fortifications to the Topographical Bureau. All plans and drawings relating to fortifications that were on file in the Topographical Bureau were transferred to the Chief of the Corps of Engineers.¹

In accordance with an act approved March 3, 1863, the Corps of Topographical Engineers was abolished and merged with the Corps of Engineers under the command of a Chief Engineer. In 1866 the designation "Chief Engineer" was changed to "Chief of Engineers."

Headquarters Map File

Maps described in entries 9-25 have been selected from the Headquarters Map File of the Office of the Chief of Engineers. This file contains records, with the exception of those relating to fortifications, of both the Corps of Engineers and the Corps of Topographical Engineers. Among these manuscript and annotated maps are maps forwarded to the headquarters office by Territorial and troop commands, maps and topographical sketches received with reports of military and civil geographical explorations and surveys, and maps and plans that accompanied survey reports for internal improvements. Some of the maps were prepared in the Topographical Bureau or Office of the Chief of Engineers, received from other Federal agencies, or acquired from other sources for official use.

Among the cartographic records relating to Iowa Territory are maps showing the disputed boundary between Iowa and Missouri; maps relating to internal improvements; a few maps of larger areas showing early explorations, Indian land claims and cessions, and military installations; and one map showing a few counties in the southeastern part of the Territory. Most of the surveys for internal improvements were conducted by members of the Corps of Topographical Engineers and by civil engineers employed by the Topographical Bureau. A few maps were apparently received from other offices in the War Department, and a few published maps were obtained from other sources and annotated for official use. Reduced copies of some of the maps have been published in congressional documents with related reports. Cross-references indicate the proper entries for related maps that are described under different record groups.

The maps in the Headquarters Map File are arranged according to a letter-number, a subject-number, or an abbreviation-number designation assigned by the Office of the Chief of Engineers. Maps were assigned numbers

¹ Bureau of Topographical Engineers, *Annual Report*, Dec. 30, 1839, pp. 10-12. Published in S. Doc. 58, 26 Cong., 1 sess., Serial 355.

within each letter, subject, or abbreviation designation. The letter was determined by the geographic area; "Q," for example, was assigned to Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, and the territory west of the Mississippi River and east of the Rocky Mountains, and "U.S." to maps of the United States or large areas within the United States. One series was filed as "Canals" regardless of the geographic area. The abbreviations also referred to subjects. For example, "Bdy." was used for maps showing or concerning boundaries, and "Rds." for those showing roads. Maps placed in the Headquarters Map File after 1890 were numbered and filed numerically. The maps are described in this list in sequence as they appear in the files: Bdy., Canals, Q, Rds., and U.S.

9. Map, showing the Disputed Boundary of Missouri and Iowa [with relative positions of the lines in dispute]. Executed under direction of the Commissioner on the part of the United States. [Signed] Albert Miller Lea, Comr. for U. States. Drawn January 18th [1839] by Geo. A. Leakin.
1 inch to 12 miles. 17 x 26. Manuscript on paper. Noted in pencil: "Report dated January 19, 1839." As stated in Commissioner Lea's report, the map shows four lines between Iowa Territory and Missouri: "1. the old Indian boundary, or Sullivan's line, extended west to the Missouri river. 2. The parallel of latitude passing through the old northwest corner of the Indian boundary. 3. The parallel of latitude passing through the Des Moines rapids in the Mississippi river. 4. The parallel of latitude passing through the rapids in the Des Moines river at the Great Bend." For Lea's report to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, dated January 19, 1839, with a published copy of the map, *see* H. Doc. 128, 25 Cong., 3 sess., Serial 347; and H. Doc. 38, 27 Cong., 3 sess., Serial 420. *See also* entries 10, 36, and 44. (Filed as Bdy. 10-1.)
10. Map showing the Disputed Boundary of Missouri and Iowa [with relative positions of the lines in dispute]. Executed under direction of the Commissioner on the part of the United States. Albert Miller Lea, Comr. for U. States. Drawn January 18th [1839] by Geo. A. Leakin.
1 inch to 10 miles. 10 x 32. Annotated published. Noted in upper right-hand corner: "House Rep. 25 Con. 3 Ses. Doc. No. 128." Map shows four lines between Iowa Territory and the State of Missouri. Extensions of these lines across the Half Breed Tract are indicated by broken lines.
Part of "Line No. 1" is identified as "Old Indian Boundary or Sullivan's Line" and "Line No. 4" as "Brown's Line or Line Claimed by Missouri." Noted in pencil between these two lines: "2616 mile (area)." *See also* entries 9, 36, and 44. (Filed as Bdy. 10-2.)
11. A Map and Profile of a Survey for a Canal from Bloomington [on the Mississippi River] to Moscow [on the Cedar River] surveyed under the direction of R. C. Tilghman [1839].
1 inch to 35 chains. 26 x 39. Manuscript on paper. A red line indicates the route of the canal between the two rivers. Part of the canal is along the valley of Mad Creek. A few roads cross the route between the prairie and Moscow. Relief along the route is indicated by hachures, and vegetation is indicated by symbols. The profile is shown below the route (horizontal scale: 1 inch to 40 chains; vertical scale: 1 inch to 50 feet). The date 1839 is written on the reverse. Tilghman's "Report on the survey, location, and construction of roads and canals in the Territory of Iowa," including the canal from Bloomington to Moscow, is published in S. Doc. 598, 26 Cong., 1 sess., Serial 361. (Filed as Canals 75.)
12. [Map of] A Survey of the Des Moines River from the Racoon Fork to the Mouth. Made in July 1841 by Lieut. J. C. Frémont, Corps Topl. Engineers,
1 inch to ca. 3 miles. 25 x 49. Manuscript on paper. Shows names of tributaries, towns, villages, and two trading houses along the river. Coal banks are shown along the north side. Includes insets of "Red Rock Rapids" and "Eagle Nest Rapids." The river and rapids are shown in blue. Relief is indicated by hachures

and vegetation by symbols. Frémont's report, dated April 14, 1842, to Col. J. J. Abert on the survey of the Des Moines River is published in H. Doc. 38, 27 Cong., 3 sess., Serial 420. (Filed as Q 7-1.)

13. [Chart of the] Harbour of Dubuque 1844. Surveyed and drawn by Joshua Barney, C. E., under the direction of Captain T. J. Cram, U.S.T.E.

1 inch to 440 feet. 29 x 51. Manuscript on paper marked "To J. J. Abert, Chief of Corps Top. Engrs. Washington [from] T. J. Cram, Capt. T. E., St. Louis, 24 Dec. 1844." Shows the street pattern of Dubuque, soundings in Lake Peosta and in the basin and channel to the harbor, and letters indicating areas of proposed improvements. Includes three cross sections showing high water levels of the Mississippi River at three points near the harbor in June 1844, and an inset map of the basin identified as "Drawing of Plan No. 4—Scale 24 inches to 1 mile." A reduced copy of this map, without the inset, is published with Cram's report (including plans 1-9 for the improvement of the harbor of Dubuque) in H. Doc. 57, 28 Cong., 2 sess., Serial 464. *See also* entry 17. (Filed as Q 10.)

14. Map of the Route passed over by Company "I," 1st Dragoons, in the Indian Country, in the Northwestern part of Iowa Territory during the Summer and Fall of 1844. Drawn by J. H. _____ Potter, Bvt. 2nd Lt., 1st Infantry.

1 inch to 16 miles. 23 x 19. Manuscript on tracing paper. Indicates by symbols listed under "References" boundaries between Indian tribes, Indian villages, trails, camps, forts, and rapids. The route during the summer and fall of 1844 from Fort Des Moines and return is indicated by black dotted lines. Part of the "Route of Co. I 1st Dragoons in passing from Fort Leavenworth to Fort Atkinson in the Summer of 1842," the "Route of a hunting party of officers in the summer of 1843," and "Route of a Detachment of Co. I Drag. in February 1844" are shown in faded brown or red dotted lines.

A faded notation in red ink in the margin on the back of the map appears to be "S. W. Kearny . . . 1845." (Filed as Q 18.)

15. [Map showing route of] March of Comp. B, 1st Dragoons from [Travers du] Sioux [on the St. Peters River] to Lake Traverse [and Brown's Trading House] in September & October 1845.

Small scale. 13 x 16. Manuscript on tracing paper. Information in the title not in brackets is written in the margin on the back of the map. The map has been torn and some words are missing. A faded notation in red ink on the back appears to be "S. W. Kearny . . . 1845." Distances from Fort Atkinson to Travers du Sioux and between points along the St. Peters River are shown on the face of the map. That part of the map showing the route from Fort Atkinson to Travers du Sioux, which was apparently on a separate sheet, is missing. (Filed as Q 22-1.)

16. [Map showing route of march of Company B, 1st Dragoons from Fort Atkinson to Fort Snelling and return in July and August 1844?]

Small scale. 14 x 16. Manuscript on tracing cloth. Information in the title is from the file card for this map. Checks along the route indicate distances marched from July 8 to August 2, but the year is not given. A faded notation in red ink on the back of the map appears to be "S. W. Kearny—Mar. 1845." (Filed as Q 22-2.)

17. [Sketch map of the] Harbor of Dubuque, Iowa, from Mr. [Joshua] Barney, Agent. March 5th 1845.

No scale given. 12 x 23. Manuscript on paper. Shows inner slough or harbor, outer slough, and outlet to the Mississippi River. Letters and red lines apparently indicate areas of proposed improvements. *See also* entry 13. (Filed as Q 53½.)

18. Map of Road From Burlington, Iowa, to [the Sac and Fox] Indian Agency on the Des Moines River. Surveyed under the direction of

R. C. Tilghman. Drawn by R. W. Burgess 1839.

1 inch to 20 chains. 4 sheets, each 27 x 40. Manuscript on paper. The road is shown by a brown line. Symbols indicate houses, fields, and vegetation along the route; names of settlers are sometimes shown. Some relief is indicated by hachures. The related report is published in S. Doc. 598, 26 Cong., 1 sess., Serial 361. (Filed as Rds. 74.)

19. Map of the Road from Dubuque Iowa [sic] to the Northern Boundary of Missouri. Surveyed under the Direction of R. C. Tilghman, A. P. Winchester, Delt. [1839].

1 inch to 30 chains. 7 sheets, each 39 x 26. Manuscript on paper. The road is shown by a red line. Symbols indicate houses, fields, and vegetation along the route; names of settlers are sometimes shown. Some relief is indicated by hachures. A few Indian trails are shown along or crossing the route. The year 1839 is written on the backs of several sheets. The related report is published in S. Doc. 598, 26 Cong., 1 sess., Serial 361. (Filed as Rds. 75.)

20. [Map of the] Route of the Military Road from St. Peters to Fort Leavenworth [1838].

1 inch to 50 chains. 9 sheets, each 30 x 52. Manuscript on paper. The route is shown by a red line. Vegetation is indicated along the route by symbols and some relief by hachures. Fort Snelling is shown above the junction of the Mississippi and St. Peters Rivers; distances are given from "St. Peters" at intervals along the route. Positions selected for military posts are shown on the Des Moines River at the mouth of Lizzard Creek (Sheet IV) and near the Missouri River opposite the mouth of Table Creek (Sheet VII). The report of the survey of this route, dated October 14, 1838, and signed "Nathan Boone, Capt & Road Comr., A. Canfield, Capt Top Eng & Comr. [and] R. C. Tilghman, Comr." is filed with other textual records in Records of the Office of the Judge Advocate General (Army), Record Group 153, Reservation File,

"Arkansas" Military Road. *See also* entries 27 and 33. (Filed as Rds. 77.)

21. A Map of the United States . . . by H. S. Tanner . . . 1842. [Annotated to show lands ceded to the United States by treaties with various Indian tribes.]

1 inch to ca. 32 miles. 48 x 54. Annotated published. This is an unfinished map without a legend. Ceded lands are outlined in color and numbered. Red flags indicate military installations. Shows names of Indian tribes in Iowa Territory and a few numbered cessions. *See* entry 1 for map with additional title and a legend identifying cessions by numbers used on the map, names of tribes, and dates of treaties. (Filed as U. S. 85-3.)

22. Map of the Hydrographical Basin of the Upper Mississippi River. From Astronomical Observations, Survey, and Information. By J. N. Nicollet. [n.d.]

1 inch to ca. 9½ miles. 75 x 61 (4 sections). Manuscript on paper. Locations of Indian villages, towns, and astronomical stations are indicated by symbols. Routes are shown in red. Relief is indicated by hachures. *See* entry 23 for finished manuscript map that shows more detailed information. *See also* entries 5 and 8 for published copies of the Nicollet map. (Filed as U. S. 131-1.)

23. Map of the Hydrographical Basin of the Upper Mississippi River. From Astronomical and Barometrical Observations, Surveys, and Information. By J. N. Nicollet. Made in the years 1836, 37, 38, 39, & 40, assisted in 1838, 39, & 40 By Lieut. J. C. Frémont of the Corps of Topographical Engineers, Under the Superintendence of Col. J. J. Abert, Chief of the Corps of Topographical Engineers, and authorised by the War Department. Published in 1842 by Order of the U. S. Senate.

1 inch to ca. 9½ miles. 78 x 62 (4 sections). Manuscript on paper. Shows names of lakes, rivers and streams, principal towns, trading houses, Indian country and Indian villages, forts, astronomical stations, and elevations; indicates relief by hachures. Routes and portages

are shown in red. A copy of the Nicollet map as reduced and compiled under the direction of Col. J. J. Abert by Lt. W. H. Emory in 1843 is published with Nicollet's report in S. Doc. 237, 26 Cong., 2 sess., Serial 380, and also in H. Doc. 52, 28 Cong., 2 sess., Serial 464. *See also* entries 5, 8, and 22. (Filed as U. S. 131-2.)

24. Map of the United States of America including Canada and a large portion of Texas . . . Compiled from surveys at the United States Land Office, and various other authentic sources by J. Calvin Smith. . . . Published . . . 1844.

1 inch to 25 miles. 67 x 82 (4 sections). Annotated published. State and Territorial boundaries are outlined in red. Shows

names of Indian tribes, the Neutral Ground, and several counties in Iowa. (Filed as U. S. 145.)

25. A Map of the United States . . . by H. S. Tanner . . . 1842. [Annotated to show locations of Federal military installations and Indian agencies.]

1 inch to ca. 32 miles. 48 x 54. Annotated published. Red flags denote military installations; blue flags, Indian agencies. Names of the installations and agencies are pasted on the map. Fort Des Moines, Sac and Fox Agency, Winnebago Subagency, Fort Snelling, St. Peters Agency, and Council Bluffs Subagency are shown in Iowa Territory. (Filed as U. S. 160.)

Fortifications Map File

Maps and plans described under entries 26 through 30(b) have been selected from the Fortifications Map File of the Office of the Chief of Engineers which, like the Headquarters Map File, was maintained in the headquarters office in Washington, D. C. The Fortifications Map File contains manuscript and annotated maps prepared in the headquarters office or received from field offices. It includes some items that appear to be more appropriate for the Headquarters Map File. Most of the maps and plans of or relating to forts, camps, and cantonments were prepared by the Corps of Engineers. Some were prepared by the Corps of Topographical Engineers, particularly topographic maps of the military reservations and areas of proposed sites for reservations and forts. The records are arranged numerically by assigned drawer and sheet number. Those that pertain to the Territorial period for Iowa are described in numerical order as they appear in the file.

26. Three maps relating to the improvement of the channel of the Mississippi River through the Des Moines Rapids submitted to Col. Joseph G. Totten, Chief Engineer, by Capt. R. E. Lee in September and October 1839. Captain Lee's report of October 21, 1839, on "Improvement of the Mississippi above the Mouth of the Ohio" and operations at the "English chain" and "lower chain" of the Des Moines Rapids is published in H. Ex. Doc. 2, 26 Cong., 1 sess., Serial 363, pp. 197-198.

shown along the Iowa shore; vegetation is indicated by symbols and some relief by hachures. Points of improvement in the river channels are indicated by letters a-d. *See also* entries 26(b) and 26(c). (Filed as Drawer 131, Sheet 2.)

- (a). Map of the Foot of the Lower Chain Desmoins Rap[ids] Mississippi River. Respectful[ly Submitted to the Chief Engineer by Capt. R. E. Lee, Sept. 30, 1839].

8 chains to 3 inches. 34 x 22. Manuscript on paper. Noted "Recd with Capt. R. E. Lee's letter of Nov. 7th 1839." Cultivated areas and names of two landholders are

- (b). Map of the English Chain Desmoins Rapids, Mississippi River. Respectfully Submitted to the Chief Engineer [by] R. E. Lee, Capt. Engrs., 30th Sept., 1839.

8 chains to 3 inches. 34 x 22. Manuscript on paper. Noted "Recd with Capt. R. E. Lee's annual report, per letter of Nov. 7th 1839." The improved channel is shown near the Illinois shore. Cultivated areas and names of two landholders are shown near the river; vegetation is indicated by symbols, and some relief by hachures. *See*

also entries 26(a) and 26(c). (Filed as Drawer 131, Sheet 3.)

- (c). Map showing Proposed Channel through the Upper part of Lamelees Chain Des Moines Rapids, Mississippi River. [Submitted by] R. E. Lee, Capt. Engrs. Oct. 1839.

1 chain to 1 inch. 42 x 28. Manuscript on paper. Stations along the Illinois shore are shown between Middleton's Point and Culkin's Point with buoys at each point. The proposed channel with soundings and locations of buoys is shown on two scales (1 chain to 1 inch and 1 chain to ½ inch). *See also* entries 26(a) and 26(b). (Filed as Drawer 131, Sheet 4.)

27. [Map showing a timber reserve in a bend of the Missouri River, in the area involved in the boundary dispute between Iowa and Missouri, for use of old Fort Kearny near the mouth of Table Creek on the opposite side of the river.]

1 inch to 1 mile. 16 x 10½. Manuscript on tracing paper. Marked on reverse "[C]" and "Map of Reserve at Table Creek—Rec'd July 22, 1846." This map was apparently traced in the General Land Office on June 12, 1846, from a map prepared "To accompany the report of Colo: Kearny and Capt. Boone, of 25th April 1838," and the timber reserve added. A notation in the lower left-hand corner reads "Order of the President for the Reservation dated April 9, 1846." Broken lines indicate the northern boundary of Missouri in 1837. Penciled notations identify this line as the old boundary and indicate the new boundary line. The word "Missouri" has been marked out and "Iowa" added in the area between the two lines. Vegetation is indicated by symbols, and some relief is shown by hachures on the west side of the river above and below the mouth of Table Creek in Indian territory which later became a part of Nebraska. A symbol apparently indicates the location of old Fort Kearny. *See also* entry 51. (Filed as Drawer 131, Sheet 7.)

28. [Plan of] Fort Atkinson, I. T. [Iowa Territory, including an inset sketch of the fort].

1 inch to 60 feet. 18 x 26. Manuscript on paper. Noted in pencil following the title: "Drawn by Lieut. Reynolds," An "Index" in the lower right-hand corner identifies buildings by numbers keyed to the ground plan. Relief and vegetation surrounding the plan are indicated by hachures and symbols. Distances are given along one route leading from the fort "To Turkey River ¼ mile. To Prairie du Chien, 50 miles" and along another route "To the Sub-Agency, 4 miles." Inset sketch of fort, 7 x 10 ¾. The fort is shown in shades of gray and vegetation in green. "Recd Septr. 30, 1842, R. Jones, Adj. Gnl." is written in ink below the sketch. (Filed as Drawer 131, Sheet 19.)

29. Sketch, Topographical Plan, of the Military Reserve Embracing Fort Snelling. Surveyed by Lieut. Thompson, 5 inf. (Oct. 1839).

1 inch to ½ mile. 27 x 19. Manuscript on tracing paper. Noted in lower right-hand corner "(Colby) Sketched in haste." Shows Pike's Island at the junction of the Mississippi and St. Peters Rivers and lakes, marshes, meadows, and prairies within the reservation. Some relief is indicated by hachures. The locations of Fort Snelling, the Indian agency, public gardens, Camp Cold Water, and the American Fur Co. are shown by symbols. Bearings are given along parts of the boundary. (Filed as Drawer 137, Sheet 14.)

30. [Two plats showing land in Township 95 North, Ranges 3 and 4 West, fifth principal meridian, Iowa Territory, reserved for the use of the post at Fort Crawford, Wisconsin Territory, 1841.]

- (a). [Plat showing the location of old Fort Crawford, Wisconsin Territory, east of the Mississippi River and parts of T. 95 N., Rs. 3 and 4 W., fifth principal meridian, Iowa Territory, in which land was reserved for the use of the post at Fort Crawford by President John Tyler, July 28, 1841. Included is a copy of a letter dated July 27, 1841, to the President from the Department of War, recommending

that certain lands shown on the accompanying plat be reserved for use of the military post.]

1 inch to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. 18 x 22. Manuscript on paper. Letter, 10 x 8; manuscript copy. Plat is lettered "A." Tracts outlined in blue were sold or otherwise disposed of; other lands in the area outlined in red were reserved for use of the military post at Fort Crawford. Dashed lines indicate a road to Fort Atkinson and a ferry across the river to "Old Fort Crawford." A notation on the back of the plat reads "July 28, 1841 - The President Directs that all the lands not sold and not otherwise disposed of embraced within the limits shaded red on this map be reserved from sale or entry for use of the Post at Fort Crawford, Wisconsin Territory. Noted on Tp. Plats of Iowa Terr. . . . July 30th, 1841 (W.T.S.) . . ." See also entries 30(b) and 51. (Filed as Drawer 152, Sheet 2.)

- (b). [Plat showing the location of old Fort Crawford, Wisconsin Territory, east of the Mississippi River and parts of T. 95 N., Rs. 3 and 4 W., fifth principal meridian, Iowa Territory, in which land was reserved for the use of the post at Fort Crawford by President John Tyler, July 28, 1841.]

1 inch to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. 17 x 21. Manuscript on paper. Tracts outlined in blue were sold or otherwise disposed of; all other lands in the area outlined in green were reserved for the use of the post at Fort Crawford, Wisconsin Territory. Dashed lines indicate a ferry across the river to "Old Fort Crawford" and a road to Fort Atkinson. This plat is from a folder of plats or diagrams "Copied from the plats on file in the General Land Office to accompany the Commissioner's letter to the Secretary of War of the 21st of April 1852." See also entries 30(a) and 51. (Filed as Drawer 152, Sheet 28-3.)

General Staff Map Collection

This collection originated about 1895 in the Military Information Division of the Adjutant General's Office. In 1903 it was transferred to the Military Intelligence Division of the General Staff and continued under various jurisdictions until March 1942 when it was transferred to the newly created Army Map Service under the Office of the Chief of Engineers. Records from the General Staff Map Collection now in the National Archives are arranged geographically by continent and thereunder by country. Maps of the United States or large parts of it are arranged under the United States and thereunder by subject. State maps and maps of smaller areas are arranged alphabetically by State. The two maps from this collection pertaining to the Iowa Territorial period are described in entries 31 and 32.

31. Map of the Trans-Mississippi Territory of the United States During the Period of the American Fur Trade as Conducted from St. Louis between the years 1807 and 1843, Showing the Location of Indian Tribes, Trading Posts, Routes of Travel and other features of interest. Drawn by Paul Burgwill.

1 inch to ca. 80 miles. 29 x 28. Photoprocessed. Shows names of forts and trading posts between the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers in the area included in Iowa Territory. Information in the lower right-hand margin indicates that the map of which this is a photoprocessed copy was received in the Graphic Section, Military Intelligence Division, on March 24, 1930. Old file No. "U.S.

P3-1843-5000" appears in the lower right-hand corner. (Filed as United States-Historical.)

32. Map of the United States showing the "Extreme Limit of Line of Frontier Stations in 1845," old frontier stations abandoned and occupied, new frontier stations, new posts abandoned, and routes between the posts, 1850-51.

Small scale. 15 x 18. Annotated published. Stamped "War Dept., A.G.O., Military Information Division, Map Section" and "General Staff Map Collection." Old file designation "United-States G28-1845-14000" appears in the lower right-hand corner. In the top margin is a

notation in red ink regarding the source of the map. Names of forts along the western limit of frontier stations in 1845 include Fort Atkinson and Fort Snelling in Iowa Territory. The line of frontier stations, transportation routes, and na-

tional boundary lines are shown in color. A copy of the map is published with the report of the Quartermaster General for fiscal year 1850-51 in S. Ex. Doc. 1, 32 Cong., 1 sess., Serial 611, p. 304. (Filed as United States-Historical.)

RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL (ARMY) (Record Group 153)

Miscellaneous File

The only map in this record group relating to the Territory of Iowa is from the Miscellaneous File.

33. Sketch of the Position on the Des Moines River selected for a Military Post [during the survey of a route for a military road from St. Peters to Fort Leavenworth], 1838.
1 inch to ca. 1,800 feet. 16 x 14. Manuscript on tracing paper. The area above the junction of Lizzard Creek with the Des Moines River is marked "11 miles below the upper forks of the Des Moines Riv: Latitude 42° 35' 28" and Longitude 94° 9' 38"," apparently the site selected

for the post. The area above this point is marked "Table Land 180 feet above the level of the River." Relief is indicated by hachures, and vegetation by symbols. The survey report with which this map was submitted is filed with other textual records in Records of the Office of the Judge Advocate General (Army), Record Group 153, Reservation File, "Arkansas" Military Road. *See also* entry 20. (Filed as Military Road.)

Post Office Department

RECORDS OF THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT (Record Group 28)

Early in the Iowa Territorial period, a map of the United States and a series of maps of individual States and Territories were published in an atlas compiled under the direction of the Postmaster General by David H. Burr, Geographer to the House of Representatives, entitled *The American Atlas; Exhibiting the Post Offices, Post Roads, Rail Roads, Canals, and the Physical & Political Divisions of the United States of North America; Constructed From the Government Surveys & other Official Materials*. [1839]. There is no separate map of Iowa Territory in the atlas, but the map of the United States includes the Territory and is described in entry 34.

34. Map of the United States of North America With parts of the Adjacent Countries [1839]. By David H. Burr. (Late Topographer to the Post Office.) Geographer to the House of Representatives of the U. S.

1 inch to ca. 65 miles. 38 x 51 (4 sections). Published. States and Territories and boundaries of the United States are shown in color. Names of rivers and streams, Indian tribal locations,

Indian land cessions, and a few Indian villages, forts, and towns are shown in the area included in the Territory of Iowa. Indian lands and tribal locations and a few exploration routes are shown in unorganized territory to the west. Numerous place names, canals, and railroads are shown in the States. (Filed as No. 1, United States, Burr Atlas.)

Department of the Interior

RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (Record Group 75)

Central Map Files

The maps described in entries 35-41 have been selected from the numbered series of the Central Map Files of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This series includes maps prepared by or for the headquarters office in Washington, D.C., maps received by the Bureau from Indian agents in the field, and maps acquired from other sources for official use. Most are manuscript or annotated published. These maps are of Indian lands, reservations and purchases, Indian boundaries, and the disputed boundary between Iowa and Missouri, and are filed according to numbers assigned in the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

35. [Map of the Half Breed Sac and Fox Reservation surveyed by Jenifer T. Sprigg, 1832-33, under contract with William Clark, Superintendent of Indian Affairs.]
1 inch to 80 chains. 22 x 26. Manuscript on paper. Shows acreage in each quarter section and includes a tabular statement giving total acreage for each fractional township within the reservation. Also shows a private claim near the head of the rapids and a town reservation near the foot of the rapids in the Mississippi River. Notations added in pencil read "See act June 15, 1844, 5 Stats p. 666," and "See act of June 30, 1834, 4 Stats p. 740." *See also* entries 42(a and b). (Filed as No. 99.)
36. Map showing the Disputed Boundary of Missouri and Iowa [with relative positions of the lines in dispute]. Executed under direction of the Commissioner on the part of the United States. Albert Miller Lea, Comr. for U. States. Drawn January 18th [1839] by Geo. A. Leakin.
1 inch to 10 miles. 23 x 38. Manuscript on tracing cloth. Rivers are shown in blue. A symbol showing the location of old Fort Des Moines near the head of Des Moines Rapids in the Mississippi River is colored red. A "Note" in red ink dated August 16, 1883, reads "The map from which this is copied is to be found opposite page 24. House Doc. No. 128 - 3rd Sess., 25 Congress . . . Paul Brodie, Draftsman, Ind. Office." Another note in red ink reads "For Diagram of Sullivan's line [Indian Boundary Line] - see map at same page and Vol. as this map." *See also* entries 9, 10, and 44. (Filed as No. 524.)
37. [Map of the northern boundary of the State of Missouri and the old Indian boundary.]
1 inch to 8 miles. 13 x 47. Manuscript on paper. Marked "[O.I.A. Miscell. M 507, 1838.]" Includes notes or description of the survey dated November 24, 1837, signed "Jos. C. Brown." *See also* entries 9, 10, 36, and 44. (Filed as No. 584.)
38. A Map of a Portion of the Indian Country Lying East and West of the Mississippi River to the Forty Sixth Degree of North Latitude from Personal Observations Made in the Autumn of 1835 and Recent Authentic Documents. Constructed for the Topographical Bureau By G. W. Featherstonhaugh U. S. Geolt.
1 inch to 16 miles. 27 x 39. Annotated published. "[File mark—O.I.A. St. Peters, W 1543-1841]" is added in ink above the title. A penciled notation in the lower left-hand corner reads "Transmitted by Judge Doty with his treaty. Sioux Half Breed Treaty." Includes the area between the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers north

of the State of Missouri. The area north of the cessions of 1830 is annotated with names of bands of the Dakota or Sioux Indians, and lines indicate roughly the country occupied by each band. (Filed as No. 674.)

39. [Map showing a line between the north and south boundaries of the "Neutral Ground" 20 miles from the Mississippi River as surveyed by Ira Brownson, 1840.]

1 inch to 4 miles. 17 x 21. Manuscript on paper. Dotted lines indicate the road to St. Peters across the eastern part of the Neutral Ground and a road from the west bank of the Mississippi River opposite Prairie du Chien to a fort on an unnamed river, apparently Fort Atkinson on the Turkey River. A few names of settlers are shown along the route in the surveyed area. (Filed as No. 755.)

40. Plat of a Survey of One Million Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand acres of Land in the Territory of Iowa purchased by the Government of the United States from the Confederate Tribes of Sac and Fox Indians, at a Treaty held at the city of Washington, September 21, 1837.

1 inch to 8 miles. 16 x 22. Manuscript on paper. Marked "[Sac & Fox, I. 426, 1839 . . . L. 1122, 1840.]" Shows measurements in miles and chains along the boundaries and names of rivers and creeks crossing the area. The survey extends from the northern boundary of the State of Missouri to the southern boundary of the Neutral Ground. The northern boundary of Missouri is shown by a solid line and the boundary line claimed by Missouri by a dotted line. (Filed as No. 794.)

41. [Map of] Indian Boundary Line Designated in the Treaty of the 11th Oct. 1842. With the Confederate Tribes of Sacs and Fox Indians.

1 inch to 200 chains. 10 x 51. Manuscript on paper. Shows the Indian boundary line extending from the northern boundary of the State of Missouri to the "supposed course and position of the southern boundary of the Neutral Ground." Also shows rivers and roads crossed by the boundary and "Timber" and "Prairie" along the line of survey. The "Supposed position of Powasheek's Village" on the Skunk River west of the boundary is indicated by symbols. (Filed as No. 1376.)

RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (Record Group 49)

More than 90 percent of the cartographic records selected for this list are from the records of the General Land Office (renamed the Bureau of Land Management in 1946). They are described in entries 42-52.

One of the primary mapping activities of the General Land Office was the surveying and platting of townships in the public lands. About half the townships in Iowa were surveyed during the territorial period, including those surveyed while the area was a part of Wisconsin Territory and for which the plats were not approved until after the establishment of Iowa Territory.

The maps, plats, and field notes relating to Iowa Territory have been selected from eight series of records of the General Land Office: the "Old Map File" (entries 42 and 43), the boundary surveys (entry 44), the field notes or "Old Case 'F' File" (entry 45), the townsite file (entries 46-48), the published map files (entry 49), the local land office township plats (entry 50), the headquarters office township plats (entry 51), and the field notes of township surveys (entry 52).

Old Map File

This file includes manuscript and annotated maps showing the status of public land surveys, reserved areas, mineral lands, private land claims, and information regarding particular areas within the public land States and

Territories. The three maps relating to Iowa Territory, described in entries 42(a and b), and 43, are filed numerically, with later maps showing all or parts of the State of Iowa. The file numbers on the backs of the maps were assigned by the National Archives.

42. Two maps of the Half Breed Sac and Fox Indian Reservation dated St. Louis, July 5, 1833, including a certification dated May 18, 1844.
- (a). Map of the Half Breed Sac and Fox Reservation [surveyed by Jenifer T. Sprigg, 1832-33, under contract with William Clark, Superintendent of Indian Affairs].
1 inch to 80 chains. 24 x 27. Manuscript on paper. Certified by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on May 18, 1844, as "the original delineation of the survey of the Sac and Fox half breed reservation under the treaty with the Sac & Fox Nation of Indians of 4 August 1824 as appears by the files of this office." This map is discolored and small parts are missing. *See also* entries 35 and 42(b). (Filed as Iowa 1a.)
- (b). Map of the Half Breed Sac & Fox Reservation [surveyed by Jenifer T. Sprigg, 1832-33, under contract with William Clark, Superintendent of Indian Affairs].
1 inch to 80 chains. 27 x 31. Manuscript on tracing paper. Marked "Iowa." This map appears to be a tracing of the map described in entry 42(a). *See also* entries 35 and 42(a). (Filed as Iowa 1b.)
43. Sketch [map] of the Public Surveys in the southeastern part of Iowa Territory. [n.d.]
1 inch to 18 miles. 13 x 10. Annotated published. "S. 26th Con. 2d Ses." is printed in the upper right-hand corner. Annotated to show the location of lead reservations, the boundary of the productive lead region "According to [David Dale] Owen's Report," and mineral appearances, according to reports of deputy surveyors. The boundary of the productive lead region is shown in red. Lead reservations and mineral appearances are indicated by red and blue dots. No date is given for the annotations. *See also* entry 2(a). For the published map without annotations, see entry 4. (Filed as Iowa 2.)

Boundary Surveys

The boundary survey maps and diagrams maintained by the General Land Office include the official surveys and resurveys of boundaries of the public land States and Territories and of Indian land boundaries that either became State boundaries or were used in determining them. Also included are maps and diagrams pertaining to disputed boundaries and boundary investigations. The file of manuscript and annotated maps of boundary surveys includes only one item relating to Iowa's Territorial boundary. It is described in entry 44 of this list.

44. Map showing the Disputed Boundary of Missouri and Iowa [with relative positions of the lines in dispute]. Executed under direction of the Commissioner on the part of the United States. Albert Miller Lea, Comr. for U. States. Drawn January 18th [1839] by Geo. A. Leakin.
1 inch to 12 miles. 18 x 25. Manuscript on paper. Noted in upper margin in black ink "(Copy, made at the General Land Office by E. Gilman)." A faded notation below reads "Sent the original map and a copy with Mr. Lea's report to the Sec. of State. See Comrs. letter to Secy. of State Jany. 28, 1839 [signed] W.T.S." Map shows four lines between Iowa Territory and the State of Missouri. Part of "Line No. 1" is identified as "Old Indian Boundary or Sullivan's Line" and "Line No. 4" as "Brown's Line or Line Claimed by Missouri." Three of the lines extending across the Half Breed Tract are shown in red. A list of Executive documents is given in the lower left-hand corner. *See also* entries 9, 10, and 36. (Filed as No. 29 Boundaries.)

Field Notes: Old Case "F" File

In this series, sometimes cited in the General Land Office references as "Old Case 'F' File," the records pertain chiefly to field notes and reports of the survey of Territorial, State, and Indian land boundaries. Also included are a few other closely related records, and maps or plats in book form. File numbers were assigned in the Cartographic Archives Division of the National Archives. The only item in this file pertaining to surveys in Iowa during the Territorial period is described in entry 45. These field notes are similar to those found in the volumes of field notes that are described in entry 52.

45. Field Notes of the Survey of Islands in the Mississippi River in Townships 71, 72, 73, & 77 N. of Range 1 West of 5th P.M. and townships 68, 70, & 74 N. of Range 2 West of 5th P.M., [Iowa Territory] as executed by J. E. Witcher, Dep. Surveyor in 1842.

Manuscript. 6¼ x 3¾. 52 pp. (including

title page and notes on flyleaf and inside cover). Certified as a true copy of the original field notes February 10, 1869. Plats relating to these notes are on file with the headquarters office plats described in entry 51. (Filed as Case F, No. 48.)

Townsite File

This file contains manuscript, annotated, and published plats of townsites and other areas classified as sites, such as city parks, cemeteries, and Government properties located in the public land States. The plats are arranged alphabetically by name of site. There are only three items in the file that pertain to Iowa during the Territorial period. They are described in entries 46-48.

46. [Plat of the town of] Burlington [Iowa Territory].

1 inch to 150 feet. 29 x 66 (2 sections). Manuscript on paper. Certified by William W. Coriell, Commissioner, February 6, 1839. Shows a double set of lot numbers, one in faded brown ink and the other in blue ink. The map is badly discolored and some of the original lot numbers are illegible. (Filed alphabetically by name of town.)

faded and small parts are missing. Some lot numbers are illegible. The area along the river and the islands are outlined in blue. (Filed alphabetically by name of town.)

47. [Plat of the town of] Du Buque [Iowa Territory].

1 inch to 150 feet. 46 x 56 (2 sections). Manuscript on paper. Certified by William W. Coriell and George Cubbage, Commissioners, November 1, 1838. Filed in the Land Office at Dubuque, Iowa Territory, February 4, 1840. The map is badly

48. [Plat of the town of] Fort Madison [Iowa Territory].

1 inch to 200 feet. 24 x 53. Manuscript on paper. Certified by William W. Coriell and George Cubbage, Commissioners [n.d.]. Shows a double set of lot numbers, one in faded brown ink and the other in blue ink. Original lot numbers and acreage figures are illegible for some of the lots. The block identified as "Grave Yard" is marked "Reserved from sale—See letter of Commssr. G. L. O. dated Nov. 18, 1846." (Filed alphabetically by name of town.)

Published Map Files

The only map in the published map files of the General Land Office relating to Iowa Territory is described in entry 49. It is from "Group A—Special Maps" published by the General Land Office and offices of the

Surveyors General. Many of these maps show the status of public land surveys for the States and Territories created out of the public domain.

49. Sketch [map] of the Public Surveys in Iowa Territory [1844].

1 inch to 18 miles. 16 x 9. Published. Map shows the status of surveys in an area south of the Neutral Ground between Tps. 67-91 N., Rs. 9-19 W., fifth principal meridian. Township lines surveyed and those recommended for survey are differ-

entiated. Townships subdivided are marked "S." A copy of this map is published with "Report of the Surveyor General of Wisconsin and Iowa" to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, dated October 29, 1844, in S. Doc. 7, 28 Cong., 2 sess., Serial 449. (Filed as Iowa 1.)

Township Plats and Field Notes of the Public Land Surveys

The first public land surveys in the area from which Iowa Territory was formed began when the area was part of Wisconsin Territory (1836-38). The surveys were made by deputy surveyors and their assistants under the immediate superintendence of a surveyor general for a particular district. The deputy surveyors' returns, consisting of original field notes and a topographic sketch of the area surveyed, were examined and, if found to be correct, were approved. Draftsmen then prepared three plats for each township. When the plats were approved by the surveyor general, the originals were filed in his office. The duplicates were sent to the local offices having jurisdiction over the disposal of public lands within certain townships, and the triplicates were sent to the headquarters office in Washington.²

The original set of field notes and plats of township surveys for the area now included in the State of Iowa are in the Office of the Secretary of State in Des Moines. The second set of plats, those used in the local land offices in Iowa, was sent to the General Land Office in Washington when the last local land office was closed. The plats were rebound by the General Land Office, and the 18 volumes were transferred to the National Archives in 1941. The third set of Iowa plats, known as the headquarters office plats, and copies of the original field notes remained in the General Land Office until 1959 when they also were transferred to the National Archives.

The Iowa plats and field notes selected for this list are described in entries 50-52.

50. [Selected local land office plats of townships in Iowa Territory.] 417 plats bound in seven volumes also containing local land office plats for the State of Iowa. (Vols. 1-7.)

1 inch to 40 chains (½ mile). Average size 16 x 16. Manuscript on paper. The date of survey, name of surveyor, date of approval by a surveyor general, and the date received in a local land office are shown on each plat. Some plats also show the name of the local land office. Annotations added in the local offices show different types or classes of land-entry numbers and information regarding the disposal of land within sections and fractional sections. Names of entrymen and

dates of entry are not given. Most of the plats bear some entry numbers and notations later than the Iowa Territorial period. A few plats have no annotations. There are two plats for some of the townships.

The plats fall into two categories: (1) plats prepared from township surveys conducted before the Iowa Territorial period, but which bear notations that the lands were offered for sale during the Territorial period, 1838-46; and (2) plats prepared from township surveys conducted during the Iowa Territorial period, most of which also bear notations that the lands were offered for sale during the same period. In this special list the graphic volume-index to selected local office plats for Iowa Territory shows the township and range num-

²Thomas Donaldson, *The Public Domain*, H. Misc. Doc. 45, part 4, 47 Cong., 2 sess., Serial 2158, p. 182.

bers and the number of the volume in which a plat for a specific township can be found.

51. [Selected headquarters office plats of townships in Iowa Territory.] 705 plats filed by range and thereunder by township with other township plats for the State of Iowa that are not included in this list.

1 inch to 40 chains ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile). Average size 16 x 19. Manuscript on paper. The name of the surveyor or surveyors, date of survey, and date of approval or certification by a surveyor general are shown on each plat. In addition to the surveyed township and section lines and protracted quarter section lines, these plats also show acreage, the drainage patterns, roads and trails, a few early towns and villages, prairie land, fields, and symbols for houses sometimes with names of settlers. Some of the plats bear later annotations showing railroad lines and railroad land-grant limits. A few are annotated with information similar to that given on maps and plats described in preceding entries. The plats of T. 95 N., Rs. 3 and 4 W., fifth principal meridian, include annotations concerning the land reserved for the use of the military post of old Fort Crawford; see entries 30 (a and b). Plats of T. 68 N., Rs. 43 and 44 W. include annotations concerning the timber reserve for Fort Kearny; see entry 27.

The selected plats fall chiefly into three categories: (1) plats of townships subdivided prior to the establishment of Iowa Territory but not approved until the Territorial period, July 3, 1838-December 28, 1846; (2) plats of townships all or parts of which were subdivided during the Iowa Territorial period and which were either approved during the Iowa Territorial period or after Iowa became a State; and (3) plats of townships for which one or more township lines were surveyed during the Iowa Territorial period and which were not subdivided into sections and approved until after the Territory became a State.

For some of the townships there are two plats, one of which does not fall into one of

the three categories but which pertains to the Iowa Territorial period. Most of these plats are of islands or small areas bordering on the Mississippi River. A few plats represent surveys that were suspended because of erroneous field notes and reports. A graphic index in this special list shows the township and range numbers and symbols for selected headquarters office plats for Iowa Territory.

52. [Field notes of the survey of selected townships and township boundaries in Iowa Territory.] Pages from 81 volumes, some of which contain notes of township surveys made before Iowa Territory was established and after it became a State. (Vols. 1, 2A-5A, and 2-115, omitting those with notes of surveys that do not pertain to the Territorial period of Iowa.)

Manuscript copies of original field notes. Page size $12\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$. These notes were copied in the 1840's and 1850's and certified as "compared with the originals and found to be correct" by the surveyor general in charge of the office where the originals were on file. The name of the surveyor or surveyors and dates of survey are given for each set of notes. In addition to detailed information on running, measuring, and marking township and section lines and setting corner posts, the field notes include information about the character of the land, natural vegetation, and possible land use; mention roads, trails, houses, fields, mills, settlements along the lines of survey, and sometimes give names of settlers. The kind of weather at the time of the survey is often mentioned.

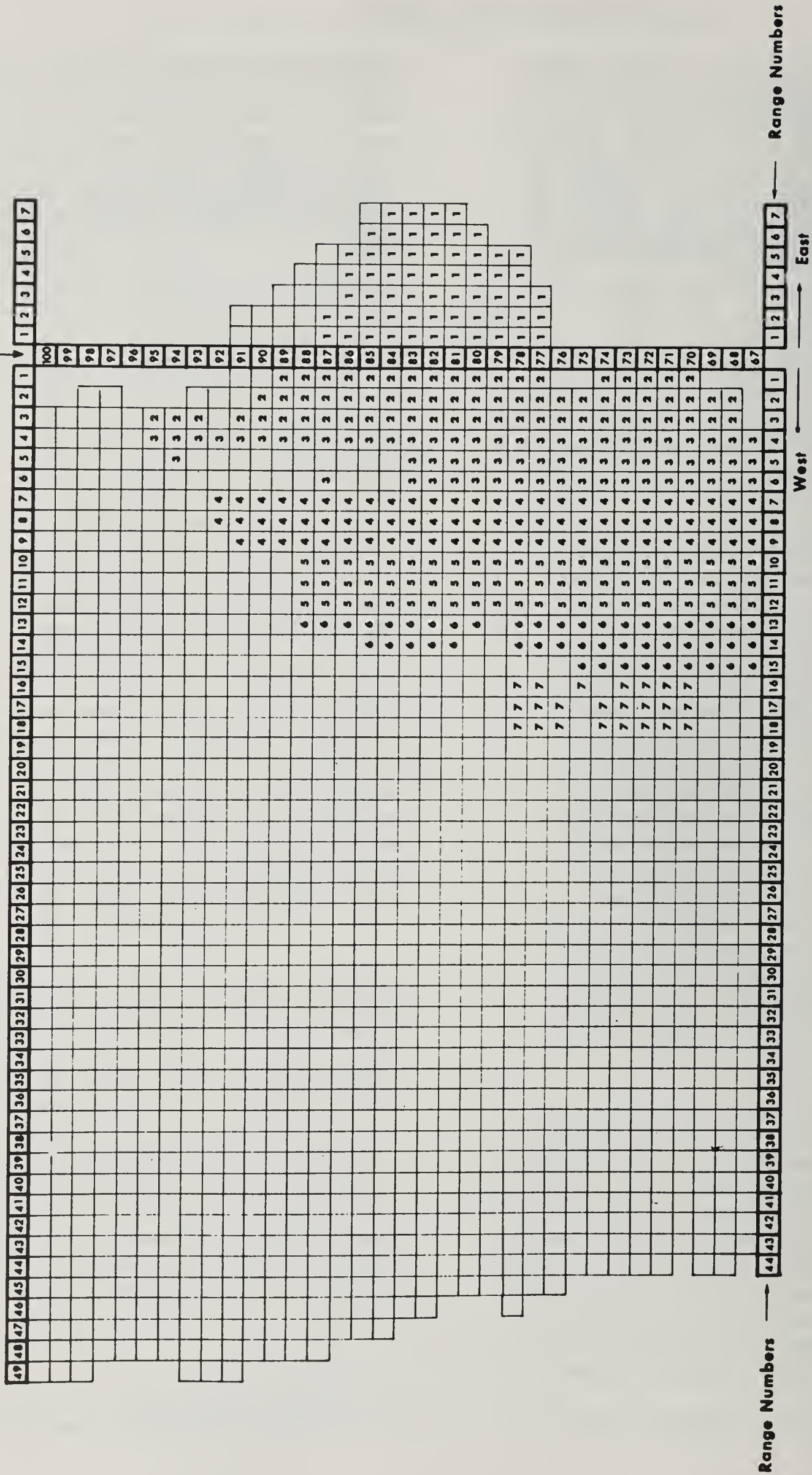
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With a few exceptions, at the beginning of

each set of field notes is an index diagram showing the page numbers for the notes of the boundary and subdivision lines. The field notes bear two sets of numbers. The small numbers at the tops of the pages were assigned to each set of notes copied by the surveyor general's office. The numbers that appear in the upper right-hand corner of the

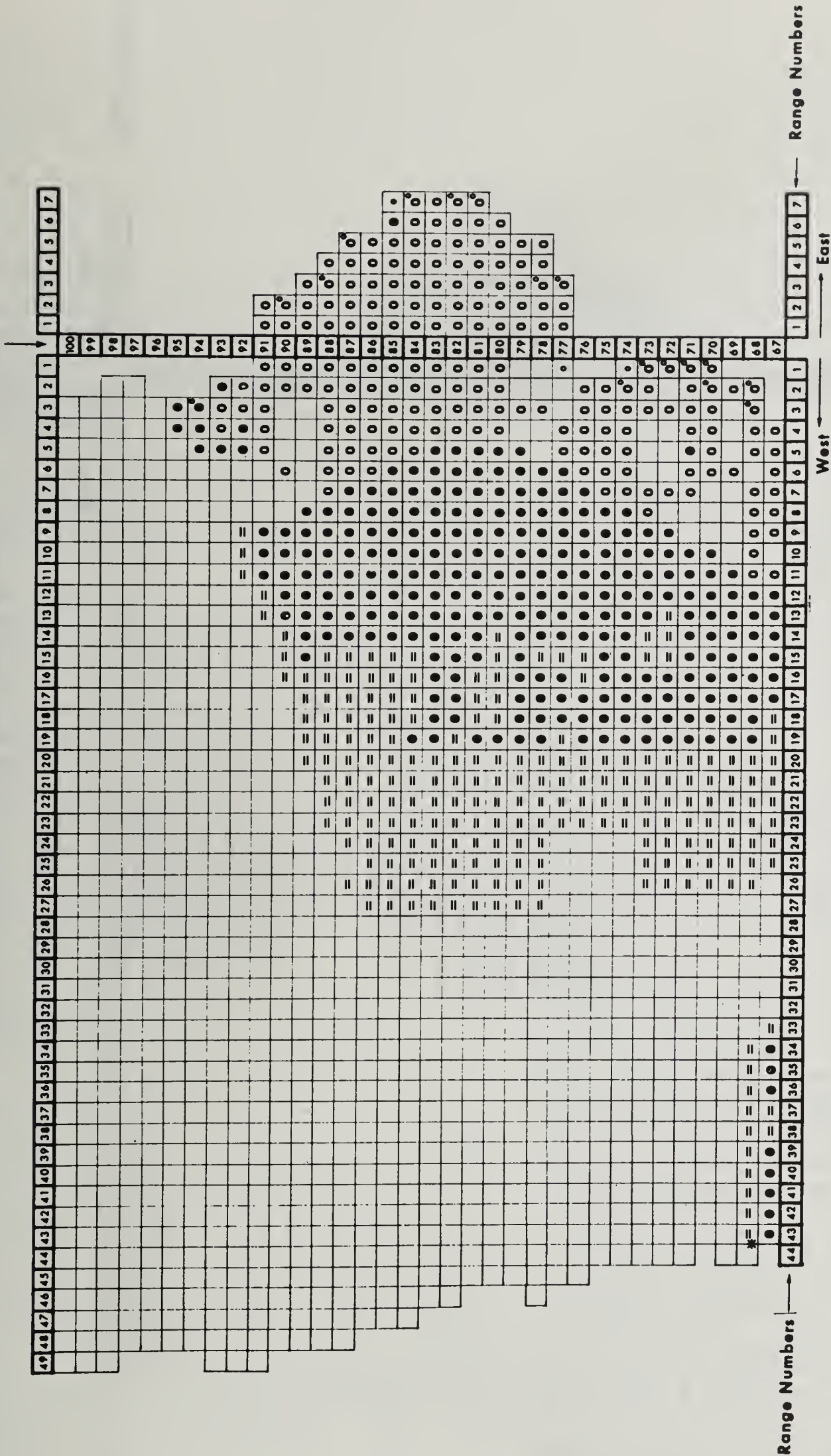
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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- TFS. SUBDIVIDED BEFORE TER. PERIOD;
PLATS APPROVED DURING TER. PERIOD
- TFS. (ALL OR PARTS) SUBDIVIDED DURING TER. PERIOD;
PLATS APPROVED DURING OR AFTER TER. PERIOD
- = TFS., ONE OR MORE BOUNDARIES SURVEYED DURING TER. PERIOD;
SUBDIVIDED AND PLATS APPROVED AFTER STATEHOOD
- ISLANDS AND MEANDERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER
- * PORT KEARNY TIMBER RESERVE

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